

God bless.

AMERICA IS EXPERIENCING AN ENERGY CRISIS

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, America is experiencing an energy crisis. The price of oil, a gallon of gas, electricity, and natural gas are all topping 7-year highs. But what does that really mean for the American people?

It means less money to buy groceries and more money at the gas pump; it means less money to take care of your kids and more money to heat your home; and it means less money for your healthcare and more money for overhead to run your business. That is a terrible tradeoff for every American working hard to support their families.

It is only happening because the Biden administration is intent on implementing policies that make it harder for American energy producers to develop cleaner, more affordable energy right here at home.

President Biden must wake up and see that there is only one way to reverse this course: Embrace American energy.

RECOGNIZING THE OBERLIN VILLAGE COMMUNITY

(Ms. ROSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the history and the legacy of the Oberlin Village community.

Founded in 1866, Oberlin Village is one of the last surviving antebellum settlements founded by free Black people in North Carolina.

After Reconstruction, the community became a welcoming refuge for newly freed former slaves from the nearby Cameron plantation.

It became much more than a town. The thriving municipality was home to rows of single-family houses, two churches, and a public school. It became a symbol of land ownership for freedmen.

The local post office, now located in a building owned by the Oberlin Baptist Church, is still named after the plantation rather than this historic community. I urge the Postal Service to change the name to reflect the post office's new location and to commemorate the Oberlin Village community and its legacy.

BIDEN'S CRISIS CREATION

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Tim Murtaugh, a visiting fellow at The Heritage Founda-

tion, correctly wrote: "President Joe Biden is drowning in a sea of crises of his own creation, and Americans are the ones who are paying the price."

"There's an ongoing humanitarian and national security calamity at the southern border."

"Thirteen U.S. servicemembers are dead, and an unknown number of our citizens remain stranded in Afghanistan following Biden's disastrous withdrawal."

"Americans are not taking the millions of jobs available . . . as many have chosen the option of being paid by the government to stay home instead of working."

"And energy prices continue to rise, helping to drive mounting inflation . . ."

"Such a callous dismissal of real-world issues . . . simply feeds the prevailing belief that Biden simply is bad at his job."

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues moving from Afghanistan to America.

Our thoughts and prayers are with South Carolina Senate Finance Chairman Hugh Leatherman for a speedy recovery.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE DELAYS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the significant mail backlogs we are experiencing in northern Ohio, across the whole region, Cleveland to Toledo, impacting the timely and reliable delivery of mail.

Postal employees do remarkable work every day to execute their mission.

To the tens of thousands of military veterans who work for the Postal Service, we owe you an enormous debt of gratitude for your continued loyal service to our Nation.

However, the decision by the U.S. Postal Service Board of Directors and management to implement disastrous policies to consolidate processing centers and ship local mail hundreds of miles away to be sorted elsewhere is truly illogical.

While we are finally seeing incremental progress being made, our region is still in desperate need for constructive solutions to the backups and slow processing people are enduring on the ground.

I will continue working with my colleagues from across our country and across the aisle until we bring about new Postal Service leadership and fully restore the service our people and communities richly deserve and expect.

CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, last night on television, I listened as Jen Psaki—I don't know whether it was from yesterday or a replay from something a month ago—wondered why President Biden should go to the border. Having been down there, I want to educate her as to why.

First of all, she would find we have a shortage of Border Patrol. Well over 10,000 unaccompanied minors a month are coming across the border, and because they have to deal with them, they are not able to guard the border. Rather than giving free college for illegals, you could get some more Border Patrol agents.

Secondly, he would get to know that the Border Patrol agents are wonderful people, so that in the future, when agents on horses are charging a group of Haitians who are assaulting some woman, our hate-filled President does not attack the Border Patrol.

Third, she can find out that immigrants are right now routinely throwing away identification cards so that we can't do background checks on them.

Fourth, I always knew immigrants who tested positive for COVID are being let in. I was not aware that Border Patrol has a policy that we can never even force immigrants to take the tests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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REMEMBERING VICTORIA BACA

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Moreno Valley City Councilwoman, and true public servant, Victoria Baca.

As the first Latina elected to the city council, Victoria broke barriers and paved the way for so many others to follow in her footsteps.

I knew Victoria during her time on the city council and remember her as someone who was fiercely loyal to her community.

Victoria also served on the board of the Moreno Valley Unified School District, where she was a strong advocate for special education services in the Inland Empire and dedicated her time in office to protecting and uplifting students.

She genuinely cared about others and worked tirelessly to make a lasting difference. Her legacy with respect to education, diversity, and economic growth in Moreno Valley will always be admired.